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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CI

SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF SECRETARY'S TRIP AND FOLLOW-UP TO IT

REF: STATE 61171

1. CHILEANS TEND TO DEPRECATE SECRETARY'S LA TRIP, DOUBTLESS  
LARGELY AS REACTION TO INCLUSION OF PERU BUT NOT CHILE. NEVERTHELESS,  
LOCAL PRESS GAVE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS FULL PLAY. MARCH 4  
MERCURIO EDITORIAL STRUCK TYPICAL NOTE, CALLING THE VISIT  
"DISILLUSIONING." RATIONALE RAN AS FOLLOWS: NOTHING WAS DONE  
TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION ON GSP FOR VENEZUELA;  
NOTHING WAS DONE TO GIVE PERU MUCH-NEEDED CREDIT; NO COMMITMENTS  
WERE MADE TO DEAL WITH THE BRAZILIAN COMMERCIAL DEFICIT WITH THE  
UNITED STATES; CONCLUSION, IS THE LATIN AMERICAN POLICY OF THE US  
GOVERNED FROM THE CAPITOL OR FROM THE WHITE HOUSE?

2. RE YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, CHILEANS HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH  
"US-BRAZIL AXIS." GOC BELIEVES IT HAS A COMPLEMENTARY GEO-POLITICAL  
AND IDEOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BRAZIL AND, THANKS TO GEOGRAPHY,  
DOES NOT FEAR IT. CONCEIVABLY, GOC WOULD BE ATTRACTED TO JUNIOR  
PARTNER STATUS IN A US-BRAZIL AXIS. AS REGARDS CUBAN INTERVENTIONISM,  
CHILEANS NOTE SECRETARY'S WARNINGS WITH APPROVAL. THEY SEE THEIR  
OWN PREDICTIONS ABOUT EXPANSIONIST "WORLD COMMUNISM" AS JUSTIFIED  
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IN THE MARCH OF CURRENT HISTORY.

3. CHILEAN EXPECTATIONS FROM US ARE LARGELY SELF-CENTERED. "CREDIBILITY" IS MEASURED FOR THEM BY US ATTITUDE TOWARD CHILE. CRITICAL POINT AT MOMENT IS WHETHER SECRETARY COMES TO SANTIAGO FOR JUNE OASGA. BASED ON AN UNNAMED SOURCE AT CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING OF CHILEAN HEMISPHERE AMBASSADOR WHICH BEGAN HERE MARCH 15, MARCH 16 PRESS HEADLINES AS A CERTAINTY THE SECRETARY'S PRESENCE AT THE ASSEMBLY. IN THE SMALL PRINT, THIS TURNS OUT TO BE AN INTELLECTUAL CONSTRUCT, BASED ON REPORTED US INITIATIVE TO MAKE SURE THAT OPENING DATE OF OASGA WAS PROPERLY PHASED IN BETWEEN VISIT OF JUAN CARLOS TO WASHINGTON AND AMPHICTYONIC MEETING OF PRESIDENTS.

4. DESPITE ALL THE FOREGOING, WE PREDICT CHILEANS WOULD HEARILY AGREE WITH POINTS STRESSED BY SECRETARY DURING HIS TRIP, AS SUMMARIZED IN LETTER TO FORNMINS (PARA 9, STATE 62031). THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHILEANS TREATED AS WELL AS ANYONE ELSE IN COOPERATION ALONG LINES INDICATED IN THOSE POINTS.  
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